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From the St. James's Evening Poſt, May 7.

Rome, April 20.

ON Tueſday laſt a great Number of Canons and other beneficed Eccleſiaſticks, went to the Apoſtolick Palace, to obtain ſome Delay for their repairing to their Reſidences, but they met with a flat Denial; The Pope being very tenacious to what he has once reſolved upon, and having been often heard to make uſe of Pilate's ſaying, *What I have written, I have written.* The Pope's new Decree, forbidding all the Cardinals, Archbiſhops and regular Biſhops to wear any other Colour but that of their Order, having been communicated to Cardinal Conti, who wears red Sleeves and Buttons to his Coſſack, he ſaid that this being the only Favour he had received under the Pontificate of his Brother, he would not willingly part with it.

Copenhagen, May 4. The Officers of the Marine and Sailors begin to arrive from Norway and other Provinces of this Kingdom, and punctual Orders are given to all the Officers of our Land Forces to be ready to march upon the firſt Warning.

London, May 7. About 23 Judgments are iſſuing out of the ſeveral Law-Courts, againſt the Eſtates of Philip Duke of Wharton (alias Northumberland) in Buckinghamſhire, Yorkſhire, *&c.*

From Miſt's Weekly Journal, May 7.

There is hardly any Power in Europe who can be ſaid to be idle and indolent, but all ſeemingly go on with the utmoſt Vigour in their military Preparations; and yet our ſpeculative Folks will have it, that there will be no War. 'Tis what is to be hoped by all People: But unleſs we can think the World mad, we muſt believe none depends with any Certainty upon a Peace. The King of Poland is raiſing the great Poſſe of the Kingdom, which is never done but upon the moſt urgent Occaſions: His Summons for that Purpoſe imports, That it is neceſſary to provide, arm'd with Shield and Buckler, againſt the Threats and Machinations of Nonconformiſts, on account of the Affairs of Thorn, which is a juſt Revenge of the offended Deity, and for which the Republic, being abſolute Miſtreſs of its own Conduct, is accountable to none.

The Affairs of Petersburg are kept ſecret, only the Swediſh Miniſters are admitted to the Conferences: But there's great Reaſon to belive, that the Czarina's Fleet is deſigned for retaking Holſtein from the Danes, tho' the Junction of the Engliſh and Daniſh Squadron, 'tis thought, will ſpoil that Project.

London, May 12. Wedneſday laſt a Dozen more Sodomites were taken up and committed.

From the London Gazette, May 7.

War-Office in Whitehall, April 18, 1726. Whereas in order to prevent any Frauds or Abuſes that may happen by the Concealment of the Death of any reduced Officer or otherwiſe, his Majeſty hath thought fit to direct, that all Perſons who claim and enjoy any Allowance upon the Eſtabliſhment of Great Britain, as reduced Officers of the Land Forces and Marines, ſhould appear before a board of General Officers, and others appointed for that Purpoſe, or before the General Officers herein afternamed; Theſe are to give Notice, that the ſeveral reduced Officers now in Halfpay upon the Eſtabliſhment of Great Britain, are required to appear in Perſon before the ſeveral Perſons, and at the Places and Times after reſpectively mentioned, viz.

All the reduced Officers now on Halfpay reſiding in that Part of Great Britain called Scotland, before the honourable Major General Wade, Commander in Chief of his Majeſty's Forces there, or before the Honourable Major General Wade Commander in chief of his Majeſty's Forces there, or before the Officer or Officers appointed by him for this Service, on the Days and Places as it ſhall be hereafter publiſhed by his Order in the publick Prints of Edinburgh.

And the ſaid reduced Officers are ſeverally to be prepared to ſhew, that they are the reſpective Perſons who have been found to be entitled to Halfpay on the Britiſh Eſtabliſhment; and ſuch of the Reduced as ſhall not appear and ſhew themſelves entitled to Halfpay as aforeſaid, before ſome or one of the Perſons, at ſome or one of the Places, or one of the Days to be mentioned, will be taken to be dead, or provided for by ſome Place of Profit, or Civil Employ-

ployment under his Majesty, and will be omitted in the next Establishment of Halfpay.

From the Evening Post, May 7.

Petersburg, April 21. Tuesday last Mr. Hoilinolizer Secretary of the Embassy of the Court of Vienna, set out for Narva to meet the Count de Rabutin, whose Journey has been obstructed by the Thaw which makes the crossing of Rivers impossible. 'Tis talked that the Duke of Holstein will be personally in the Field next Campaign, but they don't tell us where. 'Tis certain, however, that his Royal Highness has already appointed four Aids de Camp to attend him. Here is handed about, a List of 22 Regiments of Infantry and Dragoons, who are to be put on board the Fleet. This Day our Empress conferred on the Duke of Holstein the Commission of Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment of Guards, of which her Majesty herself is Colonel.

Vienna, May 1. Last Sunday Count Zinzendorf, High Chancellor of the Empire, did set out for Munich, not only to pay the usual Compliments to the present Elector of Bavaria, on Account of the Death of his Father, and of the Accession of his Electoral Highness to that Dignity, but also to endeavour to draw both him and the Elector of Cologn his Brother into the Treaty of Vienna; wherefore the latter has put off his Departure from Munich, till the Arrival of that Minister, being willing to hear what Proposals he is to make.

Copenhagen, May 7. Last Saturday about four in the Afternoon arrived here the British Squadron, under the Command of Admiral Wager, consisting of 21 Men of War, two Fregates, and two Fireships, they anchored at a Place called the Renne. On the 6th Instant the said Admiral was admitted to an Audience by the King, and the same Evening he with several Officers of Distinction of his Squadron was splendidly entertained at Supper at Court, then returned on board, in order to pursue his Voyage to the East Sea, but the Wind proving contrary he is not gone off, and some Think he will wait the Arrival of the Lord Glenorchy, Minister of G. Britain at this Court. The Equipment of our Men of War is carrying on with all possible Vigour, whereof nine of the largest are already in the Road.

Norwich, May 4. A Man from a Place called Diss is comitted to our Castle for getting his Wife's Daughter with Child.

From the Post-Man, May 7.

Hague, May 14. Their High Mightinesses, considering the severe Laws made in France 'gainst the Succession to Estates there by Refugees who have abandoned that Kingdom since the Edict of 1669, or by their Children born in this Country, have ordered a Placaert to be publish'd, for renewing and enlarging their Order of the 31st of October 1709; whereby the Subjects of the Most Christian King cannot succeed to the Estates of their Kindred here.

Vienna, May 1. 'Tis confirmed that the King of Poland has acceded to the Treaty of Vienna; and that General Banditz is to have the Command of the 8000 Saxons which are to be made over to the Emperor.

Wye's Letter, verbatim, London, May 10.

Since our last arrived a Mail from Holland, one from France, and one from Flanders.

THey write from Edinburg, that the E. of Lowdon was arrived there, as his Majesty's Commissioner to the General Assembly; and that Mr. Haldane of Gleneagles was chosen Member of Parliament for Perthshire.

We hear from Bath, That Friday last at one after Noon, they were greatly alarmed with a Fire that broke out there, and did much Damage before Measures could be agreed on for stopping it. Mr. Hash at last caus'd some Houses be pull'd down by his own Authority, which had good Effect: However, upwards of 60 Houses, 2 Coach-houses, a Horse, and divers Stables were destroyed. Mr. Hash immediately began to collect Money for the Sufferers.

Yesterday the Malefactors mentioned in our last were execute at Tyburn. Katharine Hayes was, by special Order of Council chain'd to a Stake and burnt alive. She was such a vile Woman as scarcely to be parallel'd: Upon her taking the Sacrament at Newgate, she affirmed that Billings, who was hang'd in Chains near Tyburn Road, was her own Son got by Mr. Hays ('tis supposed before her Marriage with him;) so that the Son killed his Father, assisted in quartering him, had Criminal Conversation with his Mother, and lay with her while his Father's mangled Limbs were under the Bed. Just before the Execution, several Scaffolds fell down, by which many Persons were mortally wounded, and others had Legs and Arms broke.

Yesterday the Lords heard Mr. Fitzakerly and M. Strange, as Council for the Marshalsea and other inferiour Courts, against the Bill for preventing frivolous and vexatious Arrests. Some Lords said it

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was ſtrange there was no Council for the Bill. The E. of Strafford replied, That the Bill ſpoke it ſelf. And the Judges Opinion being asked, the L. Chief Juſtice Raymond ſaid, there was a real Neceſſity for ſuch a Bill, to ſtop the Oppreſſion of the Poor in Inferiour Courts; but that it ſtill wanted Amendments. The E. of Strafford asked Mr. Fitzakerly, That ſuppoſing a Man owes another 10 l. and be arreſted for it in an Action for 100 l. and be forced to give Bail for it, or be impriſoned; what Damages would be recovered in ſuch Caſes? To which he anſwered, there were Inſtances where Damage had been recovered. The L. Harcourt asked another Queſtion, That if a Perſon be arreſted for a very ſmall Sum, what the Expence of the Suit might be? Which the Council declined to anſwer. Then their Lordſhips read the Bill a 2d Time, and committed it. Paſs'd the Chancery Suitors Bill.

Yeſterday the Commons ordered it be an Inſtruction to the Committe for the Bill for the Sale of the reſt of the forfeited Eſtates in Scotland, to recieve a Clauſe to prolong the Time; That no ſpecial Bail ſhall be required on Account of Contracts on S. S. Stock, &c. In a Committee on the Supply, reſolved, That 7000 L. be granted towards building and repairing the Barracks and Fortifications in Scotland.

We have nothing this Day from the Commons: Only that they read a ſecond Time the Bill for Relief of the Chancery Suitors. There's to be this Night a general Court at St. James's.

P. S. 'Tis adviſed from Vienna of the 4th Inſtant, That the Electors of Cologn and Bavaria, have acceded to the Treaty between the Emperor, Ruſſia, and Sweden. From Petersburg, That all Things are preparing there for opening the Campaign. From Copenhagen, That the Daniſh Squadron which is to join that of Great Britain, conſiſts of 13 Men of War and 4 Fregates, and were ready to take on board 2 Regiments. All the Powers of Europe ſeem to be ready for Action. Laſt Night and this Day, the River Thames was almoſt clear'd of Seamen and Watermen, who were impreſs'd to Man the Squadron deſigned for the Mediterranean. 'Tis generally believed that ſome extraordinary News is come to Hand. S. S. Stock is fallen to 101. Annuities 93. Bank 121. Lottery Tickets 14 ſh. Diſcount.

From the Poſt-Man, May 10.

Stockholm, April 27. The Foreign Miniſters who reſide here, have frequent Conferences with Court, and 'tis ſaid ſomething of great Importance will ſoon break out. The Fleet is equipping with more Diligence than ever, that it may put to Sea by the End of May next.

Dantzick, May 1. We are impatient for the Arrival of the joint Squadrons of England and Denmark, to obſerve the Ruſſian Fleet. The Poles have made Incurſions as far as the advanc'd Guards of Dantziger and Werder; but the Pruſſian Troops who obſerve them are augmented to 10000 Men. Our Magiſtrates are very much upon their Guard, and have reinforced the Garriſons of the Poſts moſt expoſed. The Nobility of the Palatinates of Maſuria and Upper Poland are mounted on Horſeback, to the Number of 30000 Men, including their Servants: But what their Deſign is, no Body can tell, their being no Forrage in the Country but what they have in their Barns. In ſhort, a Rupture is expected; and upon Arrival of an Expreſs from Petersburg, the Duke of Mecklemburg is packing up for his Departure.

Hamburg, May 7. We have the following Advices from Petersburg, of the 15th & 16th Ult. the Senate was aſſembled all Day long, and then deputed two Noblemen to make a Report to the Czarina of what paſs'd in the Seſſion. On the 17th, the Senate was deſir'd to go in a Body to the Gardens of the Palace, to which all the Miniſters of State repairing, as well as the Miniſters of the Emperor & Sweden, the Articles of the new Treaty were read, firſt in the Ruſſian, and then in the Latin Tongue. Afterwards the Papers were laid upon the Table, and the Miniſters of the Powers concerned in the Treaty were deſired to ſign the Articles of it in both Languages; which was done: After which the Ruſſian Miniſters ſigned. Next Morning all the Foreign Miniſters being ſent for, Count de Gallowin, Great Chancellor of the Empire, acquainted them with what was done, and promiſed them, that exact Copies of the ſaid Treaty ſhould be ſhortly delivered them, to be ſent to their reſpective Maſters. Theſe Particulars are a formal Contradiction of other Letters from Petersburg, which ſay, that the Count de Rabutin was not arrived there the 19th; which is a Contradiction left to Politicians to reconcile.

London, May 10. We hear General Macartney is gone for Ireland, to order the Regiments of Diſney, Newton, Howard, and one Battallion of Orkneys, to hold themſelves ready to embark on board the Fleet commanded by Sir John Jennings.

Aberdeen, April 15. This County daily feels the good Effects of the great Care and Diligence of the Honourable Colonel William Grant, in executing his

his Commiſſion. His Care has been ſuch, that not only every Thing ſtoln in this Country ſince his Company was eſtabliſhed, has been returned, and the Thieves apprehended; but alſo many Things have been recovered that were ſtoln before the Eſtabliſhment of his Company. And his Search is ſo very exact, that he cauſed lately a Thief who had ſtoln a ſmall Iron Pot at a Market, carry the ſame many Miles back to the Owner. Having Notice of late, of a Gang of Gipſies and notorious Thieves who have long infeſted the Country, and who were falling down to the Low Country, he detached a Party of his Men in Purſuit of them, commanded by Lieutenant Grant of Auchterblair, who came up with them, apprehended 15 of them, and brought them in this Evening Priſoners to our Tolbooth.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

†*† Strayed from Hamilton, upon the 10th of May belonging to his Grace the *Duke* of Hamilton, an old Falcon, with a white Feather upon each Wing; Any *Perſon* that can give Notice of ſaid Falcon ſo as to come to any of his Grace's *Doers*, either at Edinburgh or Hamilton. Let them call either at the Palace of Hamilton or at Mr. *Patrick Finlay's* Shop at the Head of Blackfriar Wynd, Edinburgh, and they ſhall have a ſufficient Reward, and all Charges paid.

¶†¶ The Creditors of THOMAS KINCAID Reſidenter in Edinburgh, are ordered by the Arbiters to give in their Claims and Inſtructions thereof to John Stuart Writer to the Signet, at his Chamber above the Royal Coffee-houſe, upon or before the 1ſt of June next; to the end the ſaids Arbiters may give further Order concerning the claſſing of the Creditors and *Payment* of their Annualrents: Under this Penalty, That ſuch as do not give in their Claims and Inſtructions thereof in the Time limited, ſhall be for ever excluded by a Certification, as in an Improbation, in the Terms of the *Submiſſion* to the ſaid Arbiters.

Exciſe-Office, Edinburgh May 4th, 1726.

WHereas Mr. George Archibald, Officer of Exciſe at Falkland, was Way-laid, and moſt inhumanely beat and abuſed by two Men and a Boy, when ſurveying the Country Part of his Diviſion, viz. betwixt *Strathmiglo* and *Aughtermughtie*, on the 14th Day of April laſt 1726. The Commiſſioners of Exciſe at Edinburgh, do hereby promiſe a Reward of Twenty Guineas to any Perſon who ſhall diſcover any or either of them that were guilty of that Barbarity, payable by the ſaid Commiſſioners, to ſuch Diſcoverer upon the Conviction of the ſaid Offenders or any or either of them.

Signed by Order of the Commiſſioners.

RICH. DOWDESWELL.

[§] That the Roup and *Sale* of certain EQUIVALENT DEBENTURES, to the Amount of L. 1368 ſterl. of principal, with the Intereſt due thereupon from Michaelmaſs 1724, formerly advertiſed to have been within the Parliament-houſe of Edinburgh, upon the 26th of April laſt, was adjourned to TOMORROW 17th Inſtant: when, betwixt the Hours of 2 & 4 after Noon, the Roup and *Sale* of the ſaid Debentures, and Intereſt due thereupon, is to proceed the Parliament-houſe, before the Lord Pancaitland, or the Lord Ordinary on the Bills for the Time.

Fiſhery-Office, 12 *May*, 1726.

The Managers of the Copartnery are to expoſe to publick Sale, at their Office, TUESDAY being the 17th Inſt. at 3 after Noon, at the following low Rates, for Encouragement of Bidders, viz.

Four new Herring-nets, at 3 L. ſterl. each.

Eight ditto, containing 1 to undreſs'd ditto, at 15 ſh. each.

Utenſils for a Twine-work per Inventary, to be ſet up at L. 9, 17, 8 ſterl.

Ditto for a Rope-band, per ditto, to be ſet up at L. 17 10 ſh. ſterl.

Ditto for a Barking-houſe, per ditto, to be ſet up at L. 14, 16, 4 ſterl.

The above Goods will be ſhown at Leith by David Daes the Copartnery's Agent, and the Inventaries and Articles of Roup, at their Office in the Lawn-market. Alſo there will be expoſed to public *Sale* at the ſaid Office, and at the ſame Hour, 88 Laſts, 1 3d of Herring Barrels lying at Peterhead, in one Lot, at 14 ſh. per Laſt.

Notice is alſo hereby given, That the Managers of the Fiſhing Copartnery are to expoſe to publick Sale by Roup, at their Office in the Lawn-Market in Edinburgh, on Tueſday the 5th of July next, at three in the Afternoon, the Lands and Fiſhertoun of Peterhead with the Pertinents, and others belonging to the ſaid Copartnery, lying in the Pariſh of Peterhead and Shire of Aberdeen, the yearly Rental whereof, amounts to 191 Bolls 2 Pecks of Bear, 199 Bolls and 2 Pecks 1 3d Meal, 2 Bolls of Oats, and L. 89. 4. 1 16th *Sterling* of Money Rent and Feu Duties, being the neat free Rent, over and above the Miniſters Stipend. Item the Feus of 37 Houſes in Stonehaven, and Fiſh Boats in the ſaid Town, belonging to the ſaid Copartnery, lying in the *Sheriffdom* of Kincardin, the Free Rent whereof, amounts in all to L. 7. 12. 1 6th *Sterling*. Any Perſon who intends to bid for the above Purchaſe, may ſee the Particulars of the Rental, the Copartnery's Right, and the Conditions of *Sale*, at the Copartnery's Office.

† There will be publiſhed, immediately after Riſing of the preſent General Aſſembly of this Church, A true Hiſtorical Relation of Mr. JAMES CHALMERS, Miniſter of Dyke, his Call and Admiſſion to the Vacancy in the Town of Aberdeen, in room of the Rev. Mr. Francis Melvil, Miniſter of the Goſpel: Wherein is ſet forth, 1, The Riſe of the Differences in Aberdeen concerning that Matter, which is now grown into a public Cauſe, and ſeems (juſtly) to have alarmed the whole Church of Scotland. 2, The Conduct of the ſeveral Church-judicators, particularly the *Commiſſion*, herein. 3, The Conſequences which that Settlement will probably have in Aberdeen, and may ſerve to introduce elſewhere, if not remedy'd. 4, What the Radical Judicatories of the Church (the Supreme not excepted) may apprehend, with reſpect to their Intrinſick Power, from ſuch Inſtances, but more eſpecially this, if ſcruff'd over. As alſo, containing Mr. Chalmers's own Conduct, and the Part that the ſeveral Societies and Perſons more directly engag'd, have acted from firſt to laſt, for and againſt his Tranſportation, and from what known Influence. Together with the Characters of a few on both Sides, drawn chiefly from their Management, and the Methods they puſh'd their Deſigns by Some proper Reflections, and uſeful Obſervations, are intermixed throughout. *Jer.* 23, xi. *Pſal.* 74. vi. *John* 0. i.

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